

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0002] on page 1 as follows:

[0002] In recent years, with the digitalization of content such as music and video, home appliance manufacturers have released content reproduction terminals for reproducing the content. Meanwhile, there has been ~~is~~ a move among content providers and content rental companies to provide content reproduction terminals which attract a user purchasing the content and a user renting the content by adopting membership systems that differentiate the terminals from others. For the members who signed up for particular service, such a content reproduction terminal performs special operations exclusively for the members to enhance the appearance of reproduction and to increase the ease of use.

Please amend line 9 on page 9 as follows:

2020 membership certificate data

Please amend paragraph [0051] on page 13 as follows:

[0051] The communication unit 201 communicates with the content reproduction terminal 30a.

The membership certificate data hold unit 202 holds ~~a~~ membership certificate data 2020.

Please amend paragraph [0052] on page 13 as follows:

[0052] FIG. 3 is a diagram showing a data structure of the above-mentioned membership certificate data 2020.

As shown in FIG. 3, the membership certificate data 2020 is composed of a membership

type 2021, an expiration date 2022, and a signature 2023.

Please amend paragraph [0133] on page 32 as follows:

[0133] In the above first to sixth embodiments, the explanation has been given as to a case where a function as the members-only terminal is realized using a transportable card as a secure device. However, this function may be realized in the terminal. In this case, as shown in FIG. 17, an IC chip 20e may be used in place of the card. The IC chip 20e may be fixed to a circuit board using a socket 31e. Alternatively, it may be realized by software on a personal Computer (PC) (in this case, it is preferable to be tamper resistant). In this case, the data of the membership certificate or the like may be stored when the membership sign-up ~~sing-up~~ is carried out.